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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2343

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TAGS AFSP, TW

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF STATE 151173

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES EXPLANATION PROVIDED IN ADAMSON  
TO FOX MEMO AS QUOTED IN REFTEL IS SELF-EXPLANATORY AS  
TO WHY CONSULAR SECTION OPENED MR. PALIAN'S LETTER  
FROM CONGRESSMAN HAYS.

2. AS ELSEWHERE, THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY  
HAS ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING MAIL  
ADDRESSED IN CARE OF THE EMBASSY TO AMERICAN CITIZENS  
IN THE ROC. HERE, FOR CONVENIENCE'S SAKE, SUCH MAIL  
IS USUALLY KEPT AT THE EMBASSY'S MAIL ROOM LOCATED AT THE  
CHANCERY WHICH IS ACROSS TOWN FROM THE CONSULAR  
SECTION. MOST LETTERS NOT PICKED UP WITHIN SIXTY  
DAYS ARE AUTOMATICALLY RETURNED TO THE SENDOR UNOPENED.  
HOWEVER, BECAUSE THIS LETTER WAS FROM A CONGRESSMAN  
AND BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN CLAIMED BY MR. PALIAN FOR  
SEVERAL WEEKS, THE MAIL ROOM SENT IT TO THE  
CONSULAR SECTION FOR ITS DECISION AS TO WHAT  
SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE LETTER. MISS ADAMSON,  
WHO HANDLES SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES,  
DECIDED TO OPEN THE LETTER TO SEE

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IF IT HAD A LOCAL FORWARDING ADDRESS IN THE ATTEMPT

TO LOCATE MR. PALIAN OF WHOM WE HAD NO RECORD.

3. THE EMBASSY REGRETS THAT MR. PALIAN HAS INFERRED THAT HIS LETTER WAS OPENED FOR ANY OTHER REASON THAN TO TRY TO FIND A WAY OF IDENTIFYING HIM AND DELIVERING THE LETTER TO HIM. WHILE THE EMBASSY IS FULLY AWARE THAT CONGRESSIONAL MAIL IS PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE ROC AND AS LETER IN QUESTION MIGHT HAVE CONTAINED VITAL AND URGENT INFORMATION FOR ADDRESSEE, IT WAS FELT THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE DONE TO TRY AND DELIVER THIS LETTER TO ADDRESSEE IN HIS OWN INTEREST.  
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